

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims 1-3 and 5-20 is set forth below. The status of each claim is indicated as (original), (currently amended), (previously presented), or (cancelled). Please AMEND claims 1, 2, and 9 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A cooking apparatus, comprising:
a cabinet opened at a top surface thereof to provide an opening over which food to be cooked is laid;
a grill unit seated in the opening of the cabinet so as to support the food over the opening;
a heating unit installed in the cabinet at a position offset from an effective grill part of the grill unit so that a front surface of the heating unit faces the grill unit to transmit thermal energy to the grill unit supporting the food laid thereon; and
a heat blocking member integrally extending from a reflecting member of the heating unit to extend below a predetermined portion of the grill unit to reflect and to block a part of the thermal energy transmitted to an edge of the grill unit, allowing the thermal energy to be uniformly transmitted to the food laid on the grill unit.

2. (currently amended) The cooking apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~heating unit comprises:~~
a reflecting member is provided at a rear portion of the heating unit to guide the thermal energy from the heating unit to the grill unit, ~~and~~
~~the heat blocking member integrally extends from the reflecting member to reflect the thermal energy transmitted from the heating unit.~~

3. (original) The cooking apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:
a reflecting plate provided at a predetermined position below the grill unit to reflect the thermal energy of the heating unit to the grill unit, so that the thermal energy reflected by the heat blocking member is guided to a central portion of the grill unit by the reflecting plate.

4. (cancelled)

5. (original) The cooking apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
a cover member extending from an edge of the opening to cover an upper surface of the heat blocking member.